

OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The steamship Roanoke departed from the Callender pier yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, with a big passenger list and her hold crammed with general cargo, for the California coast. Captain Dunham was not on the bridge as his physician would not consent to his venturing out on the voyage until the ship returns from this trip. Captain Hanna was in command.

The motor schooner Della is all loaded for the Neatucca and will probably get away on this morning's flood. Captain Anderson has succeeded Captain Bob Jones, in command of the "pup," and the latter has taken command of the gasoline sloop Condor, now lying idle at Waldport, but which will be put on the coast run at once.

The Lurline went up last evening a bit behind time, owing to having to discharge a carload of feed at the Fisher docks. She took with her the following people from this port: D. B. Ingram and C. A. Lockwood. Harry Blanchard will probably be back on the run Monday next.

The oil-tank steamship Catania got clear of the mud in the lower harbor just before dawn yesterday and came up to the Standard plant here where she dropped a few thousand gallons of her liquid cargo, before proceeding on to the metropolis.

The steamship Rose City arrived down from the metropolis last night at midnight and will leave out for California at dawn this morning. She was crowded with passengers and all the freight she could carry, as usual.

The steamer Johan Poulsen came down the river from Portland yesterday morning and went to the Columbia mills at Knappton to finish her cargo for San Francisco.

The French bark Neuilly, wheat laden for the United Kingdom, is the next ship to come down the river. She is due this morning on the levee of the Harvest Queen.

The steamer R. D. Inman is due to arrive in this port from San Francisco on Monday next; as is the J. Marhoffer, from the same port.

The steamship Diecke Rickmers, wheat laden for Europe, is due to arrive from the metropolis.



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MANY LOTS ASSESSED HOW MANY CHILDREN AT ONLY \$2 EACH ARE TRUANT

HERETOFORE THE RATE WAS
ONLY \$1—OWNERS NOW
PROTESTING.

Several gentlemen who are owners of scores and even hundreds of unimproved lots in the city of Astoria yesterday filed formal protest with the board of equalization against the assessments made against these lots.

The principal names signed to the protests were those of J. Q. A. Bowlby, D. H. Welch, A. R. Cyrus, James Finlayson, and the Douglas Land Company, by J. F. Hamilton, the attorney.

All of the protests are made in the same tenor and to exactly the same effect.

Mr. Cornelius, the county assessor, this year has assessed these numerous lots at \$2 each. Heretofore the assessment was only \$1 a lot. Now the owners come forward and aver that the \$2 rate is too high, and in one or more of the protests it is averred that the \$2 assessment is excessive to an exorbitant extent; that this is more than the "market value" of the lots.

It is also stated that these lots are almost uniformly unimproved, and that in comparison with other unimproved "acreage property" the rate is too high.

The number of such lots within the city limits of Astoria is said to be surprisingly large. They are held in the expectation that Astoria will grow larger than it now is, when these lots undoubtedly would become quite valuable.

If a man owned 100 lots, with the assessment at \$2 each, the tax would amount to only perhaps \$10 or less.

The board of equalization took no formal action on the matter yesterday, though it was hinted that there seems no valid reason why the assessment should be lowered on these lots.

A considerable amount of other property has also been raised as these lots have been. While the lots have been just doubled in value, from \$1 to \$2, it is stated that in many cases the valuation of \$1 or \$2 is even ludicrously low, despite the fact that some of the owners aver that the market value of these lots is not as much as \$2 a lot.

Generally speaking, most of the valuations in the county have been raised, the increase being just about 60 per cent on the whole. Last year the total assessment was about five million. The new assessment is about eight million.

Both Want It—

Dr. Logan and George Kaboth are both candidates for the Common Council from the Second ward, and for the past two days it has been a sort of Chinese puzzle to decide which shall run for the four-year term. In each ward there is to be a councilman elected for a two-year term and for a four-year term. Both Mr. Kaboth and Dr. Logan want the four-year term, and the friends of each apparently are urging them to stand out for the four-year term.

Pot Is "Bling"

If all the political "dope" that came to the surface yesterday were written it would easily fill several columns of the Astorian. But by tonight the political horizon may have cleared sufficiently so that what is written may be stated definitely. The whole city was stirred all day yesterday with nothing but municipal politics, and one of the best signs of the times is that the business men and other leading citizens are showing an interest in matters.

CLEVER TRICK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—Officers of the federal immigration service who have been investigating records here, have made the interesting discovery that vast property holdings of President Cabrera of Guatemala have been given the cloak of American protection through Cabrera's son who was first naturalized in this city, where he resides, and to whom there has been transferred it is said, a good share of the plantations and estates that make up the Cabrera fortune.

Diego Estrada Cabrera was naturalized here in 1901 having resided here for some years, during his attendance at the university. While it is said that the course taken in somewhat unusual, it is believed that in the event of war, revolution or pillage the United States would be obliged to protect the Cabrera holdings.

SOME DISPOSED TO THINK
THE OFFICIAL FIGURES OF
300 ARE TOO HIGH.

Although the police were given a list of about 300 truancy cases a week ago, it is understood that nothing has been done to make investigation of the delinquencies.

Acting Chief of Police Oberg stated that he has had no time to look into the matter, and that the force has been particularly busy of late. Besides, one or more of the officers have been on vacation.

Last year the police made no effort at all to help in the truancy cases, it is said, and there has been some doubt that much assistance could be secured from them this year. In the first place the average police officer deep down in his heart doesn't feel that this kind of work lies within his province, and moreover he is apt to think that he has all he can do to take care of his beat without "chasing kids all over the hills." And it is admitted that there is some force in the average police officer's point of view.

But, on the other hand, a slight investigation of the matter tends to throw some doubt on there being 300 cases of truancy, or anywhere near that number. Comparatively very few children may be seen running the streets. In the center of the city there are no boys idling about during school hours, while in both Uniontown and Uppertown, the residents there take great pride in the fact that their children lead in school matters.

It is known that some boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 are out of school, but they are employed, and being employed in some bona fide work they have the privilege of not attending classes. But between the ages of 9 and 14 attendance upon the daily classes is imperative.

Superintendent Clark, in making the figures at 300, of course has taken the only official figures possible. That is, he has taken the number of children shown in the school census taken last November, and composed it with the number actually at school, and in this comparison the discrepancy of 300 arises.

But a part of this 300 may be explained away. There are a goodly number of children attending the Convent of the Holy Names—perhaps 50 from this city. Other children have moved from the city. Some of the 300 have entered upon the age between 14 and 16 and are working, with the consent of their parents. Nevertheless, even after all deductions are made, there is still a pretty big figure left, and it is this delinquent list that the police or someone else will have to work on. In November another school census will be taken and then the whole matter will be clear.

There are some who believe the police should not have the primary jurisdiction in truancy cases, and should only be asked to give aid in certain cases. They argue that the right kind of man or woman should be selected for this place—a person who has a natural liking for children, and would take a deep interest in the matter, and someone who can afford to work for a fairly small payment.

W. C. T. U. IN SESSION.

DENVER, Oct. 23.—After a two-hour session spent in business the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which opened today devoted the evening session to listening addresses of welcome from Governor Buchtel, Mayor Speer and others of this state and city and to responses by the presidents of several branches of the organization.

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CHURCHES—SUNDAY

Holy Innocent Mission. Chapel Morning and evening services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m. The Rev. John Warren, associate missionary in charge, hopes that all the members of the mission, and any others, who may have assisted the work during his period of tenure of office, will meet him, on Thursday evening, October 29th, in the basement of the chapel. From 4 to 7. Light refreshments will be served.

Memorial Lutheran.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.; no morning services as the pastor will be at Chinook, Wash. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock; all are cordially invited. All the services and Sunday school of the Memorial Lutheran Church are held at the Congregational Church, corner Tenth and Exchange. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

Christian Science.

Services at 11 a. m., I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets, rooms 5 and 6. Subject of the lesson sermon, "Probation After Death." All are invited. Sunday school, 12 o'clock. The first Wednesday evening in the month, 7:30. Reading room same address, hours from 2 to 5 daily, except Sunday.

First Methodist.

Morning worship at 11, "Christ and the Gadarene Demoniac." Evening worship at 7:30, "Mephibosheth, or, Lame on Both Feet." Morning class meeting at 10:15; Sunday school at 12:15; Epworth League at 6:30; mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

The subject of the sermon at the morning service will be "Weak, Yet Strong." Subject at evening service, "The Triumph of the Good." Miss Reba Hobson will have charge of the choir.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock; evening at 8 o'clock; Sunday school at 10 a. m. The choir will assist at the evening service. Scandinavians are cordially invited. O. T. Field, pastor.

First Norw. Ev. Lutheran.

Morning service at 10:45; English Bible class, 6:45 p. m., at church parlors; English service in the evening at 7:30. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Grace.

Services at 8 a. m., 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 m.

Annual Sale.

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